



## Request for Public Comment

### **Collection of Data on Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP) Measures: SCIP-Inf-9 (Urinary Catheter Removed on Postoperative Day 1 or Postoperative Day 2 with Day of Surgery Being 0) and SCIP-Inf-10 (Surgery Patients with Perioperative Temperature Management)**

#### **Background**

The Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP) is a national quality partnership of organizations interested in improving surgical care by significantly reducing surgical complications. The process of care measures under SCIP cover eight surgical strata: coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery, other cardiac surgery, hip arthroplasty, knee arthroplasty, colon surgery, hysterectomy, vascular surgery, and other major surgeries. The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) currently reports data for eight SCIP measures on the Maryland Hospital Performance Evaluation Guide. Six of these SCIP measures pertain to infection prevention in surgical patients.

On a periodic basis, MHCC reviews and selects new measures for data collection and reporting. Two new SCIP measures have been identified for potential inclusion in the Hospital Performance Evaluation Guide: (1) SCIP-Inf-9; and, (2) SCIP-Inf-10. SCIP-Inf-9 concerns appropriate timing of post-operative catheter removal in surgical patients. Because increased duration of catheter use has been linked to a higher risk of urinary tract infections as well as hospital readmission, timely removal of urinary catheters is associated with a lower infection rate. SCIP-Inf-10 concerns maintenance of a normal body temperature in surgical patients. This is important because core temperatures outside of the normal range increase the incidence of surgical site infections and other adverse outcomes. Both SCIP-Inf-9 and SCIP-Inf-10 are endorsed by the National Quality Forum and have been adopted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and The Joint Commission.

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The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) is interested in receiving public comment on the following recommendation:

**Effective for patients discharged on or after January 1, 2011, expand SCIP process of care measure reporting requirements for Maryland hospitals to include SCIP-Inf-9 (Urinary Catheter Removed on Postoperative Day 1 or Postoperative Day 2 with Day of Surgery Being 0) and SCIP-Inf-10 (Surgery Patients with Perioperative Temperature Management). Data collection for both measures will be required across all surgical strata, including coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery, other cardiac surgery, hip arthroplasty, knee arthroplasty, colon surgery, hysterectomy, vascular surgery, and other major surgeries.**

Detailed information regarding the proposed SCIP measures, including the data elements and definitions are available in the Specifications Manual for the National Hospital Quality Measures at <http://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier2&cid=1141662756099>

Comments on the recommendation should be forwarded not later than **4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2010** to: Theresa Lee, Director, Hospital Quality Initiatives, Center for Hospital Services, Maryland Health Care Commission, 4160 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215; [tlee@mhcc.state.md.us](mailto:tlee@mhcc.state.md.us)

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